

1.6 Let  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{a}_x - \mathbf{a}_z$ ,  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{a}_x + \mathbf{a}_y + \mathbf{a}_z$ ,  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{a}_y + 2\mathbf{a}_z$ , find:

(a)  $\mathbf{A} \cdot (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C})$

(c)  $\mathbf{A} \times (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C})$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C} &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{a}_x & \hat{a}_y & \hat{a}_z \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{a}_x [1(2) - 1] + \hat{a}_y [0 - 1(2)] + \hat{a}_z [1(1) - 0] \\
 &= \hat{a}_x - 2\hat{a}_y + \hat{a}_z
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C}) = (\hat{a}_x - \hat{a}_z) \cdot (\hat{a}_x - 2\hat{a}_y + \hat{a}_z) = 1 - 1$$

$$\underline{\underline{\mathbf{A} \cdot (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C}) = 0}}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{A} \times (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C}) &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{a}_x & \hat{a}_y & \hat{a}_z \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{a}_x [0(1) - (-1)(-2)] + \hat{a}_y [-1(1) - 1(1)] + \hat{a}_z [1(-2) - 0(1)] \\
 &= -2\hat{a}_x - 2\hat{a}_y - 2\hat{a}_z
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{\underline{\mathbf{A} \times (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C}) = -2\hat{a}_x - 2\hat{a}_y - 2\hat{a}_z}}$$